THE GRADUATE CENTER FOUNDATION, INC.

THE GRADUATE CENTER AT A GLANCE
OVERVIEW
The Graduate Center (GC) is the principal doctorate-granting institution of the City University of New York. Offering more than thirty doctoral degrees from Anthropology to Urban Education, and fostering research in a wide variety of centers and institutes, it combines rigorous academic training in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences with globally significant research, much of which focuses on progressive policy issues. Through its extensive public programs—lectures, conferences, performances, exhibitions, and conversations—the Graduate Center also makes a lively and enduring contribution to the intellectual and cultural life of New York City.

FACULTY
The only consortium of its kind in the nation, the Graduate Center is home to a core faculty of approximately 150 teachers and mentors, virtually all senior scholars, many leaders in their disciplines, and more than a third holding the rank of Distinguished Professor—the University’s very highest academic honor. This faculty is enhanced by more than 1,800 faculty from across the CUNY colleges, as well as from cultural, academic, and scientific institutions throughout New York City and beyond. In addition to teaching, many members of the faculty actively pursue research.

STUDENTS
By virtue of its competitively funded doctoral programs, its emphasis on research, and wide-ranging professional training, the Graduate Center benefits from a highly ambitious and diverse student body. About 90 percent of its 4,500 students are enrolled in doctoral programs, and a growing number of master’s students pursue degrees in disciplinary and interdisciplinary master’s programs. Throughout their courses of study, Graduate Center students acquire tools and skills that increase and diversify their prospects for careers both inside and outside the academy.

RESEARCH
Research and the creation of theoretical and applied knowledge stand at the heart of the Graduate Center. In addition to more than thirty centers that foster research and programming in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, the Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) extends the Graduate Center’s global reach and prominence as an international hub of advanced study by promoting interdisciplinary research, facilitating collaboration, and supporting students, postdoctoral appointments, and visiting scholars.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Graduate Center also provides an administrative home for four University programs: the CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies; the CUNY School of Professional Studies (including the Joseph S. Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies); the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism; and Macaulay Honors College.

The Graduate Center is located in the former B. Altman building at 365 Fifth Avenue, between 34th and 35th Streets, a landmark structure redesigned to meet the specific needs of a twenty-first century institution of advanced learning and to provide public spaces for cultural and conference purposes. The Harold M. Proshansky Auditorium, the Baisley Powell Elebash Recital Hall, the James Gallery, and the Martin E. Segal Theatre are its main venues for a regular and rich series of public programs, performances, and exhibitions.

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